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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON OUTER SPACE

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1. DURING AFTERNOON SESSION ON OCTOBER 20 CHAIRMAN JAROSZEK CIRCULATED TO COMMITTEE ONE DELEGATIONS THE TEXT OF THE REVISED OUTER SPACE DRAFT RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION IS CONSPONSORED BY 34 OF THE 38 MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE. (SEE PARA 6 FOR THE TEXT AND NAMES OF COSPONSORS).

2. THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE NOT SPONSORING THE RESOLUTION ARE PAKISTAN, CHAD, ALBANIA AND LEBANON. AUSTRIA HAS INFORMED US THAT PAKISTAN IS DIS-SATISFIED WITH PARA 10 WHICH IN ITS VIEW, BY FAILING TO CITE PREVIOUS UNGA RESOLUTIONS, DOES NOT SUFFICIENTLY UNDERLINE THE REQUIREMENT THAT INDIA'S THIMBA ROCKET LAUNCHING STATION BE USED ONLY FOR PEACEFUL AND SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION OF OUTER SPACE. CHAD AND ALBANIA HAVE TRADITIONALLY STOOD ASIDE, WHILE LEBANON IS NOT PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR BECUASE OF ITS INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

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3. JAROSZEK STILL INTENDS TO PRESENT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE TOMORROW AFTERNOON (OCTOBER 21). HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT 22 STATES ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT

TOMORROW'S SESSIONS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 22. US WILL MAKE BRIEF STATEMENT RE PARA 13 AS PER STATE 259142 PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION.

4. AUSTRIA HAS INFORMED US THAT IN ITS STATEMENT PRESENTING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE IT WILL INVITE THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE TO HOLD ITS JUNE 19-24, 1977 MEETING IN VIENNA.

5. IRAQ CALLED FOR ENLARGEMENT OR ROTATION OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, AND COLOMBIA ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED TO ENLARGE COMMITTEE BY INCLUDING COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT JURIDICAL VIEWS. NEITHER OF THEM, HOWEVER, PRESENTED A PROPOSAL REQUIRING ACTION ON THE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

6. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION. QUOTE

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION  
FIRST COMMITTEE  
AGENDA ITEMS 31 AND 32

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING

ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHILE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMAN, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF), HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, POLAND, ROMANIA, SIERRA LEONE, SUDAN, SWEDEN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITIAN AND NORTHERN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND VENEZUELA: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3388 (XXX) OF 18 NOVEMBER 1975,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE,

REAFFIRMING THE COMMON INTEREST OF MANKIND IN FURTHERING THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL

PURPOSES AND IN EXTENDING TO STATES THE BENEFITS DERIVED THEREFROM AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THIS FIELD, FOR WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT, AS EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION 1721 (XVI) OF 20 DECEMBER 1961,

REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPING THE RULE OF LAW IN THE PEACEFUL EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE,

WELCOMING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1976,

1. ENDORSES THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE;

2. INVITES STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BECOME PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE ECPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESCUE OF ASTRONAUTS, THE RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS AND THE RETURN OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE, THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SPACE OBJECTS AND THE CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUCHED INTO OUTER SPACE TO GIVE EARLY CONSIDERATION TO RATIFYING OR ACCEDING TO THOSE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS;

3. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE HAS

(A) ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS BY

(I) FORMULATING NINE DRAFT PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS;

(II) FORMULATING FIVE DRAFT PRINCIPLES AND IDENTIFYING THREE NEW COMMON ELEMENTS IN THE DRAFTS SUBMITTED AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBER STATES RELATING TO THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE;

(B) CONTINUED ITS WORK ON THE DRAFT TREATY RELATING TO THE MOON, GIVING PRIORITY TO THE QUESTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE MOON;

(C) DISCUSSED QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES;

4. RECOMMENDS THAT THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION:

(A) CONTINUE, AS MATTERS OF HIGH PRIORITY, TO

(I) CONSIDER THE DRAFT TREATY RELATING TO THE MOON;

(II) CONSIDER COMPLETING THE ELABORATION OF DRAFT PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS;

(III) GIVE DETAILED CONSIDERATION TO THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE, WITH THE PARTICULAR AIM OF FORMULATING DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON THE BASIS OF COMMON ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY IT;

(B) PURSUE ITS WORK ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES IN THE REMAINING TIME AVAILABLE;

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5. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, WHICH, INTER ALIA:

(A) EXAMINES FURTHER THE QUESTION OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE, AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPHS 26-81 IN THE REPORT OF ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION, CONSIDERING IN DETAIL BOTH THE CURRENT PREOPERATIONAL/ECPERIMENTAL AS WELL AS POSSIBLE FUTURE GLOBAL/OPERATIONAL PHASE OF REMOTE SENSING SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS;

(B) CONTINUES IN EFFECT THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON SPACE APPLICATIONS;

(C) PROVIDES FOR FURTHER STUDY OF A POSSIBLE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE MATTERS;

6. RECOMMENDS THAT THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE CONTINUES AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION ITS WORK ON THE MATTERS BEFORE IT, GIVING PRIORITY TO THE THREE ITEMS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 71 OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE;

7. ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE THAT FULL UTILIZATION BE MADE BY THE COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THEIR EXISTING TERMS OF REFERENCE WITH REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE CO-ORDINATING ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF REMOTE SENSING;

8. FURTHER ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE THAT  
THUT SECRETARY-GENERAL, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE KSCIENTIFIC  
AND TECNHICAL SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS FOURTHEENTH SESSION:

(A) UNDERTAKE THE VARIOUS STUDIES AND REPORTS ON REMOTE SENSING  
OF THE EARTH FORM SPACE, AS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 42  
OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE;

(B) PREPARE A STUDY IN DEPTH ON THE QUESTION OF CONVENING  
A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SPACE MATTERS, AS REFERRED  
TO IN PARAGRAPHS 55 AND 56 OF THAT REPORT;

(C) REQUEST MEMBER STATES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMMES  
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OR PLANS FOR GENERATION OF TRANSMISSION OF SOLAR ENERGY BY  
MEANS OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY, AS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 72 OF  
THAT REPORT;

9. ENDORSES THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON SPACE APPLICATION  
FOR 1977 AS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 46 OF THE REPORT  
OF THE COMMITTEE;

10. APPROVES CONTINUING SPONSORSHIP BY THE THE UNITED NATIONS  
OF THE THUMBA EQUATORIAL ROCET LAUCHING STATION IN INDIA  
AND THE CELPA MAR DE PLATE STATION IN ARGENTINA AND EXPRESSES  
ITS SATISFACTION AT THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT AT THOSE  
RENAGES IN THE PEACEFUL AND SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION  
OF OUTER SPACE;

11. REITERATES ITS REQUEST TO THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION TO PURSUE ACTIVELY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS  
TROPICAL CYCLONE PROJECT WHILE CONTINUING AND INTENSIFYING  
ITS OTHER RELATED ACTION PROGRAMMES INCLUDING WORLD  
WEATHER WATCH AND , ESPECIALLY, THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN  
TOWARDS OBTAINING BASIC METEOROLOGICAL DATA AND DISCOVERING WAYS  
AND MEANS TO MITIGATE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TROPICAL  
STORMS AND TO REMOVE OR MINIMIZE THEIR DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL,  
AND LOOKS FORWARD TO ITS REPORT THERON IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS;

12. REQUESTS THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE  
WITH PROGRESS REPORTS ON THEIR WORK, INCLUDING PARTICULAR  
PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE RELATING TO  
THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE;

13. REQUESTS THE SEVRETARY-GENERAL, IN THE LIGHT OF PARAGRAPH 73  
OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE, TO CONSIDER STRENGTHENING  
THE OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS DIVISION;

14. REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER

SPACE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, AS SET OUT IN THE PRESENT AND  
PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND  
TO REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS THRITY-SECOND SESSION. UNQUOTE  
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